

polluted areas where the shallow ground water is not fit for human consumption and painting them red with warning.

- (iii) The Central Ground Water Authority have organised mass awareness programmes among public, industrialists and industrial workers regarding pollution and over-extraction of ground water.
- (iv) The Central Ground Water Board is carrying out the periodic monitoring of water quality in the country.
- (v) The Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission is engaged in providing safe drinking water to the rural areas and also providing contamination removal plants to the States in the water quality affected areas.

Completion of major Irrigation Projects in Bihar

3254. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that 14 major irrigation projects in Bihar are pending completion for the last many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof project-wise and status of each project at present; and

(c) what action Government have initiated to complete these irrigation projects of Bihar within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and

(b) There are 14 major projects in Bihar pending completion. This excludes Bansagar Dam Project in Madhya Pradesh for which only dam share is being paid by Bihar Government. The details of the status of these projects are given in statement enclosed, (*see below*).

(c) Being a state subject, irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Government from their own resources as per their priority. However, Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme has been provided by Central Government to four major projects in Bihar and an amount of Rs. 167.080 crore has been released upto 3/2000.

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Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Projects	Estimated cost (Rs. in crore)	Cumulative Expenditure upto end of VIII Plan (Rs. in crore)	
		Approved	Latest	
ONGOING PROJECTS		Original		
MAJOR PROJECTS				
1.	Ajoy Barrage	115.24	206.89	85.63
2.	Subernarekha (IS.)	1428.00	2376.15	767.06
3.	Auranga	125.40	699.36	21.24
4.	Barnar	8.03	230.43	37.96
5.	Bateshwarashthan Pump Ph.I	13.88	175.85	23.30
6.	Bagmati	5.78	154.73	36.54
7.	Durgawati	26.30	266.97	86.75
8.	Gandak <u>Ph.il</u>		578.27	80.81
9.	Kosi Eastern Canal Ph.II		156.32	76.44
10.	Konar		373.00	88.37
11.	North Koel	439.00	814.74	417.44

1	2	3	4	5
12.	Punasi		219.05	42.86
13.	Tilaiya		301.79	27.92
14.	Western Kosi Canal	13.49	693.88	254.99

I.S.—INTER STATE.

Embankments constructed by Pakistan on Ravi River

3255. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether satellite pictures show embankments constructed by Pakistan on Ravi river forced the river to shift course towards the Indian side endangering Indian Army posts during monsoon;

(b) if so, the counter moves proposed to divert Ravi river to its original course in Gurdaspur; and

(c) the action taken for stepping up border vigil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Satellite pictures have suggested construction of embankments and flood protection works on Ravi river by Pakistan in a bid to force the river to shift its course towards Indian side, which could endanger Border Out Posts during monsoon.

(a) Works to counter possible adverse effects to the Indian side have been undertaken by the State of Punjab in the border areas including Gurdaspur, in consultation with border authorities, utilizing financial assistance and technical expertise provided by the Central Government.

(b) Adequate vigil is maintained along the border, which is a continuous process.